(b) the reasons for not procuring Hindi typewriter, so far, alongwith the names of the officers responsible for such negligence; and

(c) the action taken to ensure that the targets fixed for purchase of Hindi typewriters in the annual programme released by the Department of Official Language relating to implementation of Hindi are properly achieved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ATOMIC ENERGY (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) All Constituent Units of the Department of Atomic Energy have procured Hindi typewriters/electronic bilingual typewriters.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The target fixed in the annual programme 1999-2000, released by the Department of Official Language, in respect of typewriters is that hundred per cent electronic typewriters should be purchased in bilingual form. Action has been taken accordingly.

Sino-Pak Talk

3572. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of 17th January, 2000 under caption "Terrorism, Kashmir to dominate Sino-Pak talks"; and

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) During the visit of General Pervez Musharraf to China on February 17-18, 2000, Chinese official media quoted China's President Jiang Zemin as having stated that he would like to see a more stable and prosperous Pakistan in the future. Chinese Premier Zhu Rongji was reported as having stated that irrespective of international or domestic changes, the Chinese Government will continue to foster its comprehensive with Pakistan.

While it is for China and Pakistan to decide the nature of their relationship, we remain concerned at certain aspects of this relationship which adversely affect our security. This includes Sino-Pak defence co-operation

including in the nuclear weapons and missile development programme. We have made known our concerns to the Chinese side.

Passport Adalats In Karnataka

3573. SHRI K.C. KONDAIAH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Passport Adalats have been conducted in Karnataka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) yes, Sir.

(b) The Bangalore Passport Office held Passport Adalats on every Wednesday between May and August, 1999. As cases were cleared the frequency of the Adalats was reduced to alternate Wednesdays till all the cases were cleared. In December, 1999 an Adalat-cum-passport camp was held at Dharwad and in February, 2000 in Mysore.

Extradition of Militants Released in Exchange of Hijacked Plane

3574. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made efforts to get hardcore militants back to India who were released in exchange of the passengers of hijacked plane at Kandhar;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what is the reaction from other side in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) Following the safe release of all hostages of IC-814, Government raised the matter of the hijacking and the released terrorists with the Government of Pakistan. Pakistan was reminded of its obligations under the Simla Agreement of 1972, according to which it had a legal obligation to prevent the organisation, assistance of encouragement of any acts detrimental to the maintenance of peace and harmonious relations. It